

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 15 to 17, 19, 21, and 23 to 32 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends claims 15 to 17, 19, 21, 23 to 31 without introducing any new matter and cancels claims 14, 18, 20, 22 and 33.

Claims 14-22 and 25, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bennett (U.S. Patent No. 5,176,265).

Claims 23-24 and 26 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 27 to 32 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set for in the office action.

In response, Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form, by including all the features of independent Claim 14, 18, 20 and 22. Consequently Claims 14, 18, 20 and 22 are cancelled. Claims 15, 16, 19, 21 and 24 to 26 have been amended to depend on amended claim 23. Claims 23, 25 and 27-31 have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 15 to 17, 19, 21, and 23 to 32 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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